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Linda Watkins

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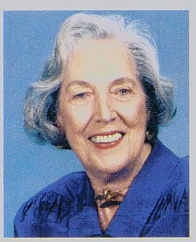

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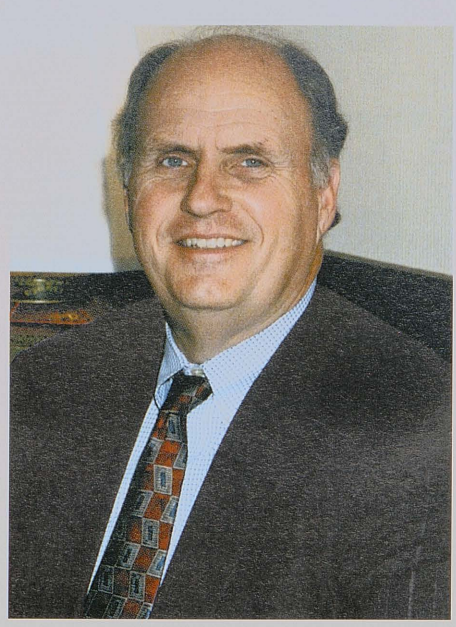


As a supporter of Tyler Junior College you are more than likely aware of the challenges higher education and community colleges, in particular, faced during the recent Legislative session and the months leading into the session.

Because of budget shortfalls at the state level, in January community colleges were asked to return funds allocated to them from the 77th Legislature that met in 2001. That refund call set the tone for the 78th session, one which community college presidents had previously been somewhat optimistic over. The 7 percent cut cost Tyler Junior College approximately $1.2 million in funds that had been built into the current year's budget.

My counterparts at the state's 49 other state-assisted community college districts and I spent a great deal of time in Austin attempting to convince our elected officials of the potential economic benefit to be realized by sufficient funding for higher education over the next biennium.

When the dust finally settled on appropriations for state-support entities, community colleges fared much worse than in 2001 but possibly not as poorly as other state-supported programs, such as indigent health care.

Community college enrollment is growing rapidly and that means additional revenue from tuition and fees. However, the cuts ordered by the governor in January and the reduction in state appropriations from the 78th Legislature have convinced most community college presidents that we must abandon the notion that the state will ever return to its promise of fully funding the instructional costs at our institutions.

For our college the state now funds approximately 54 percent of the instructional costs. In our view, the state is doing about half of what the funding model prescribes.

That means we're going to be more local-revenue driven, which means taxes and tuition and fees. One fear I have is that as a state our colleges and universities are becoming far too reliant on tuition and fees, which runs counter to the concept of community colleges. We are two years into a state-mandated "Closing the Gaps" plan that asks that we increase participation in higher education. If tuition and fees continue to rise, we run the risk of denying access to some students.

Our 78th Legislature approved a bill to deregulate tuition at the university level, allowing universities to set their own bar for costs to students. That will have a windfall result for the state's community colleges as more parents will choose to send their sons and daughters to us first to avoid high tuition for as long as they can.

But, interestingly enough, a lot of community colleges are now asking whether growth is really in their best interest. If the state isn't going to fund the increase in costs to the institution, does the institution want to grow at a rate so dramatic that it threatens the cost of access to future students? It places higher education at a crossroads.

I believe when we review this legislative session years down the road, we're going to see that it had a fairly negative impact on education in general and particularly higher education.

Nevertheless, there is certainly reason for optimism at our institution.

Preliminary Fall numbers following walk-in registration indicate our enrollment will smash previous records and approach 10,000 students. That's a milestone we can't take lightly. And, we're fortunate to have a wealth of private support, something many community colleges don't have.

The growth will put on the fast-track our plans to satisfy several projects on the campus master plan's short list. With the increased number of students, we must move quickly to provide more parking. We're doing that. Because an increasing number of students wish to live on campus, we need more residence halls and we're working on that also. Very soon we hope to unveil the two new residence halls on the east end of the main campus. Eventually we will be able to house nearly 1,200 students, roughly doubling our present capacity.

That leaves three major projects to accomplish within the next few years: building a new classroom building; providing a new student center to increase student interaction; and building a parking garage. All told, those building plans could exceed $40 million.

I don't take these challenges lightly, nor does our Board of Trustees. The impact of growth on taxpayers and future students must be carefully weighed. We must balance our significant growth with wise fiscal decisions and timely private support to continue the legacy of Tyler Junior College in a manner that makes our community and our alumni proud.

College Moving to Address Residence Hall Shortage

Each year hundreds of students planning to attend Tyler Junior College are informed that the College will not be able to accommodate their residence hall request.

Though there are eight residence halls, total capacity is just 582. There were approximately 1,100 requests for on-campus housing for the Fall semester.

An artist's rendering of one of the design concepts. Both halls would have identical designs.

To address the need, the College is moving forward on plans to construct two adjacent residence halls on the east side of the campus. Each hall would be able to accommodate 234 students. Initial design concepts produced by architect Michael Barham enforce the colonial style architecture of many campus buildings, including Jenkins Hall and the White Administrative Services Center.

The Board of Trustees gave approval to the concept of building the new halls at its July meeting. The project is estimated to cost about $18 million, which will include building a culvert over a creek that runs along the back side of the property. The structures would face Blackwell Avenue and occupy land that has been the subject of purchase negotiations between the TJC Foundation and home owners. Across the street from the halls the College is working toward development of a 313-space parking lot on land recently vacated with the move of several homes purchased by the Foundation.

"We're hopeful that we can break ground this fall," said TJC President Dr. William R. Crowe. Partial occupancy is anticipated some time during the 2005–06 school year. The project would be financed utilizing revenue bonds. Student fees for hall space would be applied toward retirement of the bonds, Dr. Crowe said.

"I really think this is something that will enhance our institution," he said.

To make way for the new residence halls, land was purchased and homes moved. Here, crews remove the "coaches' house" from its location at the corner of Blackwell and Adair.

Our profile series hightlighting reflections of faculty and staff members who have been a part of Tyler Junior College more than three decades continues with eight faculty members whose service began in the 1960s.

David Ligon *(1967)*

Positions Held: Instructor of government, department chair for social sciences.

Degrees: B.S., Portland State University, M.A., Eastern New Mexico University.

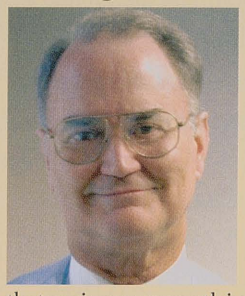
Why TJC?: I was suppose to go to Arizona State on a fellowship in what was to be the first class of Ph.D.'s in political science. In July, I was notified that the program would be delayed for one year. I sent out requests for job applications and Tyler was interested in me. My family fell in love with Tyler so this is where we came. We've loved it here every since. As a West Texan, I was shocked to discover that grass and trees could be so plentiful in Texas.

Favorite TJC memory: I sponsored the Afro-American Society three years. They were a great bunch of kids. The early years under Dr. Harry Jenkins were so full of experiences; I couldn't begin to list them. One must admire the accomplishments of Dr. Jenkins and all that he did to build TJC. He was one of a kind but TJC would not be what it is today if it were not for his dedication to the institution.

Honors and Achievements: Faculty Senate president, 1985–86 & 2000–01; *Who's Who Among American Teachers, 8th Edition,* nominated for president of Texas Community College Teacher's Association, 1994; Mental Health Association Board, YMCA Board and political commentator.

Family: Married to Robertta 38 years, three children, 10 grandchildren, one great-grandchild.

George Tefteller *(1967)*



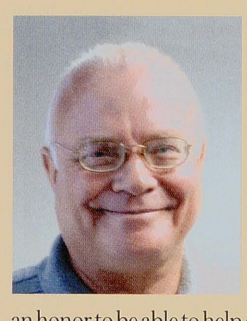
Positions Held: Instructor of mathematics.

Degrees: B.S., M.S., East Texas State University.

Favorite TJC Memory: I had a student in a low-level math class who wondered, "what good is mathematics?" I explained that engineers use math in the real world. She wondered why someone who drove a train needed to know math. I explained there were other kinds of engineers such as those who earned degrees in engineering at UT, A&M or Tech. She made an "A" in that course and in most of the other math courses she took at TJC. She is now a petroleum engineer and one of our many success stories at TJC.

Family: Married to Marketta, 33 years, two children, one grandchild.

Charles Dean Bennett *(1967)*



Positions Held: Instructor of business.

Degrees: B.S., Southeastern State College, M.S., Oklahoma State University.

Favorite TJC Memory: I remember my students and colleagues. It has been an honor to be able to help develop student's minds for higher levels of thoughts.

Family: Married to Linda Kay 35 years, two children, three grandchildren.

Rebecca L. Foster (1967)

Positions Held: Instructor of sociology, first coordinator of Seniors College.

Degrees: B.A., M. Ed., Stephen F. Austin State University.

Why TJC?: I had the opportunity to teach at the college level.

Favorite TJC Memory: The homecoming events and bonfire!

Honors and Achievements: Pirtle Teaching Excellence Award, first president of the Faculty Senate, Walk A Mile for A Special Child, KLTV East Texan of the Week.

Family: Married to Leon 19 years, three children, three stepchildren, seven grandchildren, one great-grandson.

Thomas, Pack Join College's Elite Circle of Honor

When Robert Pack arrived at Tyler Junior College in 1987, the cocky kid from New Orleans couldn't wait to put in his two years of basketball and move on to greener pastures.

By the time he graduated two years later, the school had to practically push him out the door.

"After a few months on this campus, I wished that it could be a four-year school. That's how my experience was here," said Pack, a journeyman guard in the NBA the last 12 years. "I grew so much socially, academically and athletically. We had so much talent and a great coach, and teachers that really cared about you."

The appreciative kid from the Big Easy and his former coach Roy Thomas were inducted into the TJC Sports Circle of Honor on September 13. Thomas guided the Apaches from 1984–94 and also played for TJC from 1968–70 for the late Floyd Wagstaff.

For Thomas, having so many of his former players and coaches in attendance Saturday was just as special as the Circle induction itself. Traveling to the luncheon, Thomas couldn't help but get a little emotional at the thought of former player Ed Epps flying in from Washington, D.C.

Others in attendance included current North Texas assistant Fred Rike, who played for and coached with Thomas at TJC, along with Sidney Vaughn, Donald Thompson, Joe Wilbert and Chris Foreman.

"Sure, I was tough, I was mean and a few more adjectives," said Thomas, who led the Apaches to one national tournament appearance. "At the time I knew they weren't going to understand but they do now."

Thomas, 53, left TJC to coach NCAA Division I North Carolina A&T State University in 1994 and advanced to the NCAA Tournament in his first season. After five seasons, which included the death of his father in 1997, Thomas went back home to Kirbyville. He is now head coach of the Kirbyville varsity basketball team.

Pack, who talked his former coach into returning to courtside, never lacked for confidence—or an appetite. He wanted to know who'd be cooking his meals, so he went to meet the cooks in the cafeteria.

"I was sold on coming to TJC but I needed to meet the cafeteria workers," said Pack, 34. "I was leaving home where I had a great cook in my mom. I told mom I think it's going to be all right."

The addition of Thomas and Pack brings the number of inductees to 41.

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PAST INDUCTEES RETURN TO WELCOME LATEST ADDITIONS—Circle of Honor inductees, from left to right, Herb Richardson ('95); John Linney ('97); Roy Thomas ('03); James "Babe" Hallmark ('98); David Lunceford ('95); Charlie McGinty ('97); Johnny Johnston ('01); Gene Shannon ('99); and Robert Pack ('03), gather after the 2003 awards ceremony.

Fall Enrollment Hits Record 9,728 Students

The College Fall enrollment has reached another milestone.

As of the 12th class day of the semester, the official reporting date for state colleges and universities, enrollment was 9,728 credit students, far surpassing last year's record numbers. The head count represents a 8.37 percent increase from last year's final, certified total of 8,977. "Across the state community colleges are growing in enrollment. In times of tightened belts and a slower economy, students and parents recognize more than ever the value of Texas community colleges. Our institution is growing at a pace that is faster than the state average for two-year colleges. I believe that is because of our tradition of academic excellence and the quality student-life environment we provide," said TJC President Dr. William R. Crowe. Crowe said contributing factors to the increase in enrollment include the success of TJC admissions recruiters, a higher percentage of high school graduates choosing to go to college, students' and parents' interest in return on investment and students' increased interest in remaining close to home. The Texas Higher Education Coordinator Board will release final, certified totals on Texas institutions in November.

TJC President Dr. William R. Crowe, left, with Leslie Bardin and Dr. Turner.

Top Business Student Receives Turner Award

The 2003 Austin P. Turner Award for Excellence, presented each spring to a TJC sophomore who excels in accounting, was presented to Leslie Bardin of Rowlett.

Bardin, the daughter of Donna and Dennis Bardin, received an award of $2,000 to be used to continue her studies at an upper-level institution. She planned to major in accounting at The University of North Texas. She graduated cum laude from TJC in May, receiving an associate of arts degree in business.

While at TJC, she was the recipient of the Emma Lou Prater Presidential Scholarship. She was also a member of Phi Theta Kappa and was a dance captain of the TJC Apache Belles.

This is the fourth year for the award. Dr. Rita Turner endowed the award in honor the life of her late husband, Austin P. Turner.

RESPIRATORY CARE STUDENTS RECEIVE TRAINING SOFTWARE—Sophomore students studying respiratory care received some assistance in preparation for their entry level National Board for Respiratory Care examination during the summer, thanks to a donation from a TJC graduate of the program. Dennis Stanley ('90), second from right, donated clinical simulation software to the department as part of a market research project of Med Ed software and Lindsey Jones Publishers of Science and Medicine. The software is designed to assist students in making proper clinical decisions. Pictured with Stanley are Phyllis Brunner, instructor/department chair; Janet Tracey, instructor/clinical coordinator; and Ken Stegall, instructor.

Paula Buck *(1968)*

Positions Held: Instructor of English.

Degrees: B.A., Texas A&I University (now Texas A&M–Kingsville), M.A., Stephen F. Austin State University.

Why TJC?: I moved to Tyler in 1967 and wanted to teach at TJC. Dr. Potter told me to get a master's degree; I did, and he hired me.

Favorite TJC Memory: I remember the big bonfire held before homecoming every year, on the hill where Bank of America now stands.

Jacque Shackelford *(1968)*

Positions Held: Instructor of speech/theatre, costumer, forensic coach, director.

Degrees: B.A., M.A., East Texas State University.

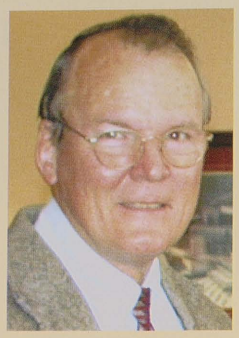
Why TJC?: Taylor Burns recommended that I apply. What an honor to have a role in shaping young lives.

Favorite TJC memory: The faces of the endless students who have passed through my classes, many of whom remain in touch.

Honors and Achievements: Texas Intercollegiate Teacher of the Year, Dorothy/Jack White Chair, Phi Rho Pi Distinguished Service Award.

Family: Married to Glenn 36 years, three children, one grandchild.

Charles Cavanaugh *(1968)*



Positions Held: Instructor of art/ coordinator Faculty Innovation Center.

Degrees: B.F.A., Louisiana College; M.A., North Texas State University; M.F.A., Stephen F. Austin State University.

Why TJC? Dr. E.M. Potter hired me to teach art. TJC is great place to work.

Favorite TJC memory: Making a huge cloth backdrop for President Ford's visit to TJC that was used for graduation many years afterward as well.

Family: Married to Bonita 37 years, one child, Dr. Charles Cavanaugh ('93).

Dr. Alan Barnes *(1969)*

Positions Held: Instructor of English, academic counselor, director of orientation.

Degrees: B.S., M.A., Texas A&M University; Ed. D., East Texas State University.

Why TJC? I interviewed for a job here and the president, Dr. Jenkins, made me an offer I couldn't refuse.

Favorite TJC memory: I always enjoy graduation ceremonies, which mark the end and beginning of so many things for students. Lawrence Birdsong's playing of "Pomp and Circumstance" on the organ at graduation ceremonies was a highlight never to be forgotten.

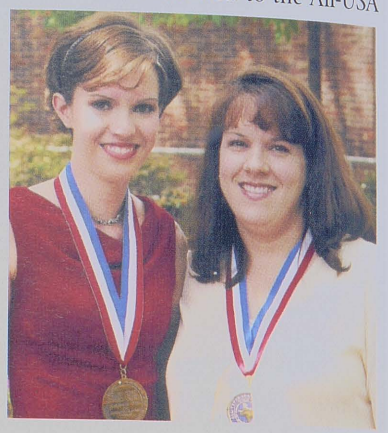
Honors and Achievements: Zelda Boucher Service Award, 2000; *Who's Who Among American Teachers, 2002*; Mattie Alice Scroggin Baker, 2002; Presidential Award from Texas Counseling Association, Nov. 2000; Piney Woods Counselor of the Year, 1997; Six Distinguished Service Awards from the Texas Counseling Association.

Family: Married to Barbara 36 years, four children, two grandchildren.

Spring Semester Recap

Sophomores Chené Smith and Sandy Kline, both of Tyler, were named to the All-Texas Academic First Team and Smith was a second-team selection to the All-USA Academic Team, as recognized by the national newspaper *USA Today*, Phi Theta Kappa and the American Association of Community Colleges. A medical genetics major, Smith was one of 20 students named to the Second Team, receiving national recognition through the April 7 edition of *USA Today*.

She was also named to the 2003 National Dean's List and to the Tyler Junior College President's List every semester since the fall 2001 for making all A's. She held the TJC I.L. "Sonny" Friedman Presidential Scholarship and the J. E. Watkins Scholarship for science majors.



Chené Smith, left, and Sandy Kline wear medals they were awarded for receiving Phi Theta Kappa All-Texas honors.

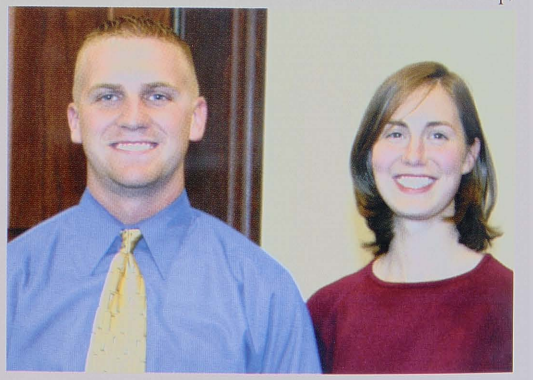
Kline, an education major, was also named to the National Dean's List and TJC's President's List. She held the Dr. H.E. Jenkins Memorial Presidential Scholarship. Chosen a Phi Theta Kappa International Distinguished Chapter Officer, she served as vice president of leadership. During her two years as a Phi Theta Kappa member, Kline served as project officer for "Lone Star Sprint," a state-wide walking exercise program, Adopt-A-Nursing Home, the September 11 Memorial and the Child Protective Services Foster Children's Christmas Shopping Committee. She was also an officer for "Project Graduation," collecting books and food for needy children. ...

The agriculture department placed third in the state and several students placed high in a conference at Southwest Texas State University. Katie Snyder of Jacksonville received the Outstanding Junior College Agriculture Student in Texas award, bestowed by the Texas Junior College Agriculture Association. The award includes a $5,000 scholarship to continue agricultural studies at any Texas college or university. Katie planned to enroll at Tarlteton State to major in agriculture education and development. ...

The TJC Forensic Team won six awards and placed in the top 10 during the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament in Portland, Oregon. Cassie Watson of Harleton won silver in prose interpretation while Seth Phillips and Geoffrey Gargotta of Lindale each won two bronze medals. Jennifer Waldrop of Lindale also won a bronze. ...

Sophomores Colleen Tomblin and Philip "P.J." Davis, were recognized with Rotary Young Citizen awards. Davis also was voted to receive the 2003 Watson Wise Award.

As the Watson W. Wise Incentive Award winner, Davis received a $300 scholarship, and the Watson Wise Incentive Award trophy.



Both Davis and Tomblin graduated in May with Associate of Arts degrees. They were TJC student workers, members of Phi Theta Kappa and named to the President's List.

Davis, son of Julia and Billy Davis, of Jacksonville, planned to major in business at the University of Texas at Austin.

Tomblin, daughter of, Rebecca and Mickey Blalock of Diana, and Becky and Reginald Tomblin of Terrell, is majoring in deaf/elementary education at Stephen F. Austin University.

Faculty/Staff Briefs

Teaching, Staff Awards Presented at Fall Convocation

During opening activities for the Fall 2003 semester, the finalists and winner of the 2003 Mattie Alice Scroggin Baker Excellence in Teaching Award were announced. Finalists were **Marshella "Shelley" Kersh**, instructor, computer information technology; **Dee Miller**, instructor/department chair, vocational nurse education; **Diane Morris**, instructor, computer information technology; **Mary Scarborough**, instructor, business administration; and **Kay Dawson**, instructor, English. This year's award of a $1,000 annual stipend was awarded to Kay Dawson. The other finalists receive a $200 stipend. The funds may be used to continue the pursuit of educational excellence.

Faculty Senate President Vic Siller presents award to Kay Dawson.

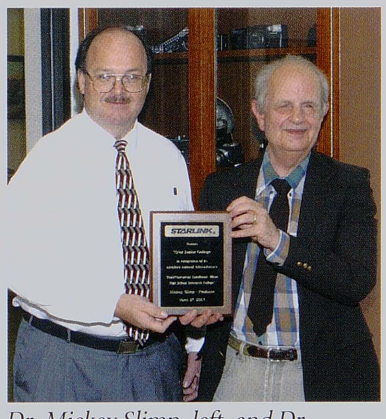
The Mattie Alice Scroggin Baker Excellence in Teaching Award is made possible because of an endowment established with the Tyler Junior College Foundation in 1987. Also announced during opening ceremonies which mark the official beginning of the school year were the Adjunct Faculty Excellence Award, which was presented to **Larry Mendez**, a part-time instructor of computer information technology, and this year's winners of the Oscar and Maugerite Herrin Awards for Staff Excellence. The Herrin awards recognize excellent service by classified and maintenance staff. This year's Herrin recipients were **DeVonne Cagle**, coordinator, employee benefits; **Henry Ford**, clerk, mail and duplicating services; and **Steve Morrow**, media distribution manager.

Herrin Award winners Henry Ford, far left, Steve Morrow, second from right, and DeVonne Cagle, far right, with Sarah Harrison. The Herrin endowment was established in honor of Sarah's parents, whose estate allowed the creation of the award.

Dr. Mickey Slimp, dean of learning resources, and **Dr. Robert Peters**, dean of university studies, were recently recognized by the Texas Starlink Training Network for the creating a video program called Dual/Concurrent Enrollment: Where High School Intersects College.

The program was viewed at approximately 150 colleges and universities across the country. Dr. Peters served on the planning team for the program and on a live discussion panel during the broadcast while Dr. Slimp was the program's producer and planning director. Other TJC staff working on the program included **Dr. George Wilson**, **Dana Welch**, **Jed Turman**, and **Gay Howard**.

Pam Brower, instructor/director, diagnostic medical sonography, recently passed the Registered Vascular Specialist national registry. Cardiovascular Credentially International is the credentials board, located in Virginia. Brower is now a registered vascular technician and registered vascular specialist.



Dr. Mickey Slimp, left, and Dr. Robert Peters with the recognition plaque.

Agreement Brings SFA Ag Courses to Campus

An agreement between TJC and Stephen F. Austin State University will allow upper-level SFA courses to be taught on the TJC campus and through the Internet. The SFA agriculture department will offer courses leading to bachelor's degrees in animal science, agri-business, horticulture, and agriculture education.

Students who have successfully completed freshman and sophomore level basics and agriculture classes and who have been accepted by SFA will be eligible to enroll in the program. Dr. Joe Shannon, chair of the TJC life science and agriculture department, said the agreement will help many students who want to attend SFA but have job or family commitments.

Contact Dr. Dale Perritt at 936–468–3705 or Dr. Shannon at 903–510–2689 for more information.

McGuire Named New TJC Athletic Trainer

Frank Edwin "Eddy" McGuire joined the College as head athletic trainer in July. McGuire replaces Eric Redman, who was named the head athletic trainer at Bradley University after a five-year stint at TJC. McGuire spent the last four years as the head athletic trainer at A&M Consolidated High School in College Station, where he was the direct supervisor to a licensed and certified athletic trainer and 21 student trainers. He was also the coordinating trainer for the recently completed State 7-on-7 Championships.

Prior to his time in College Station, McGuire was the head athletic trainer at Stephen F. Austin High School in Sugarland. He was a graduate assistant athletic trainer at Stephen F. Austin State University, and an athletic trainer/teacher/coach at Calhoun High School in Port Lavaca. He is a certified member of the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA), is a licensed athletic trainer in the state of Texas. He is also certified as a CPR instructor and first aid instructor.

COMING EVENTS

Apache Football Schedule

Aug.	**28**	**Navarro College**, 7 p.m.
Sept.	6	Texas College, 7 p.m.
	13	**Kilgore College**, 7 p.m.
	20	***Cisco College**, 7 p.m.
	27	*Navarro College, Corsicana, 7 p.m.
Oct.	**4**	***Blinn College**, 2 p.m.
	11	*Kilgore College, Kilgore, 3 p.m.
	25	***Trinity Valley Community College**, 3 p.m. *(Homecoming)*
Nov.	1	*Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, Miami, OK, 3 p.m.
	8	*First Conference Playoff Game
	15	*Second Conference Playoff Game
Dec.	6	*Heart of Texas Bowl Game, Copperas Cove, 1 p.m.

**=Conference game.*
Boldface type indicates home game.

Apache Volleyball Schedule

Sept.	**5-6**	**TJC Tournament**, TBA
	9	Hill College, Hillsboro, 6 p.m.
	18	Galveston College, Galveston, TBA
	19-20	Galveston College Tournament, Galveston, TBA
	22	Richland College/Hill College, Dallas, 4 & 5:30 p.m.
	24	***Panola College**, 7 p.m.
	26-27	Midland Tournament, Midland, TBA
Oct.	1	*Navarro College, Corsicana, 7 p.m.
	6	***Lon Morris College**, 7 p.m.
	8	*Blinn College, Brenham, 6 p.m.
	13	***Navarro College**, 7 p.m.
	15	**San Jacinto College**, 7 p.m.
	14	Richland College/NCTC, Dallas, 4 & 5:30 p.m.
	17	*Lon Morris College, Jacksonville, 7 p.m.
	20	***Blinn College**, 6 p.m.
	22	*Panola College, Carthage, 7 p.m.
	24	*Navarro College, Corsicana, 7 p.m.
	29	***Lon Morris College**, 7 p.m.
	31	*Blinn College, Brenham, 6 p.m.
Nov.	**3**	***Panola College**, 7 p.m.
	5	***Hill College**, 6 p.m.

**=Conference Game*
Boldface type indicates home match at Wagstaff Gym

Apache Men's Soccer Schedule

Sept.	**4**	**Richland College**, 7 p.m.
	5	**Lon Morris College**, 7 p.m.
	12	**Young Harris College**, 7 p.m.
	14	**San Jacinto College**, 1 p.m.
	20	**Barton County CC**, 7 p.m.
	25	San Jacinto College, Houston, 3 p.m.
	27	Richland College, Dallas, 7 p.m.
	28	Lon Morris College, Jacksonville, 3 p.m.
Oct.	3	Hinds CC, Raymond, MS, 6 p.m.
	4	Wallace State CC, Raymond, MS, 2 p.m.
	9	Lincoln College, Dallas, 7 p.m.
	10	Cloud County CC, Dallas, 7 p.m.
	12	Johnson County CC, Dallas, 11 a.m.
	17	Brookhaven College, Farmers Branch, 6 p.m.
	18	Western Nebraska CC, Dallas, 7 p.m.
	24	**Mountain View College**, 7 p.m.
	27	**LeTourneau University**, 7 p.m.
Nov.	1-2	Region XIV Tournament, Jacksonville, TBA
	7-8	Midsouthwest District Tournament, Perkinston, MS
	20-23	**NJCAA National Championship Tournament**

Bold face type indicates home game at Pat Hartley Field.

College, Art Museum Join For Tribute to Latin Artists

The College and the Tyler Museum of Art are collaborating on a project called **Latin Visions**, featuring Latin artists and performers throughout the school year.

Upcoming exhibits and events include:

• **Young Latin Masters**—January 26–February 26, 2004 at the TJC Wise Auditorium Art Gallery will feature student artists.

• **Luis Jiménez: Recent Works on Paper** is presently on display and will remain at the TMA until November 30. Jiménez's sculptures, drawings and paintings are in a number of cities including New York, Chicago, Washington D.C., Houston and San Antonio.

• **Inked and Pressed: Prints of Benito Huerta**, Wise Auditorium Art Gallery through November 25. An art professor and director of The Gallery at the University of Texas at Arlington, Huerta is co-founder and vice-president of the board of the Texas Art Journal, ArtLies.

• Prints from the Austin based **Serie Print Project** will be exhibited March 4–April 30 at the Wise Gallery and Jenkins Hall, and a Forum with **Sam Coronado** will be at 11:15 a.m. March 4, in the Jean Browne Theatre. Coronado is a master printmaker, painter and founding director of the Serie Print Project that produces, promotes and exhibits screen prints created by established and emerging artists.

• **Michael T. Ricker's Mexican Visions: Works on Paper** will be at the TMA March 11–May 16.

Latin Visions is a project of the Helen S. Boylan Foundation and the Rogers Endowment for Excellence. Museum hours are 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Tuesday–Saturday and 1–5 p.m. Sunday. Wise Gallery hours are 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Monday–Thursday. Visit www.tjc.edu for more information.

Theatre Department Unveils 2003–04 Show Schedule

Favorite stage classics will highlight the 2003–04 Theatre season, dedicated to the memory of Dr. Jean Speller Browne.

The season will open with William Shakespeare's last comedy, ***The Tempest***, October 1–4 in Wise Auditorium. Rebecca Faulds, TJC speech/theatre instructor, will direct. "The Tempest reflects Shakespeare's mature genius ... innocence tempered by intrigue and hilarity bounded by melancholy," Faulds said.

An American classic, ***Look Homeward, Angel***, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the New York Critic's Award, will be presented November 20–25 in the Jean Browne Theatre. Long-time TJC speech/theatre instructor Clarence L. Strickland will direct Ketti Fring's play based on the Thomas Wolfe novel described as "one of the finest plays in American dramatic literature.

The annual musical production of the speech/theatre and music/dance departments will feature ***The Wizard of Oz***, by L. Frank Baum, February 25–28 in Wise Auditorium. Director Victor L. Siller and Dr. Cheryl Rogers, music director, join forces to present little Dorothy Gale of Kansas and her dreams of what lies over the rainbow.

Becoming Memories, by Arthur Giron, will recount real-life histories, April 27-May 1, in the Jean Browne Theatre. Directed by Dr. David W. Crawford, speech/theatre department chair, the play follows five families through three generations celebrating the world of courtship, marriage and the many side roads taken or passed up that change the shape of family trees forever.

Crawford will also direct a Texas trilogy he has written that chronicles the life of a Texas high plains cotton farmer. ***Harvest*** will close out the season July 1–3 in the Jean Browne Theatre. Part 1 of the three original one-acts, *Barren Fields*, has been published by Players Press and produced professionally.

Visit www.tjc.edu/Theatre/Index.htm for more information, and call 903–510–2212 to reserve tickets. Box Office opens one week prior to opening night of each show.

Theatre Travel Course Planned for New York

For a different New York experience, taste the theatre slice of the Big Apple with stage and travel professionals. Tyler Junior College will offer a theatre appreciation class with travel to New York June 8–12. Participants will see an off- Broadway and four Broadway shows and chat with cast and crew after one of the shows. Dr. David Crawford, chair of the speech/theatre department, will be the instructor.

In addition to performances, seminars and workshops will feature theatre professionals from different areas of production including Terry Gipson, scene designer. Tours of Rockefeller Center and the New Amsterdam Theatre or Ford Center will also be provided as well as free time for shopping, sightseeing, eating and experiencing Central Park, Greenwich Village, Soho, Chinatown and Little Italy.

Trip fees range from $1,182 per person, quad occupancy, to $1,621, single occupancy. For more information, e-mail dcra@tjc.edu or call 903–510–2678.

Turkey Trip Offers Culture, History

Historic sites, an exotic culture and delicious food are just a few of the reasons hundreds of East Texans and travelers from across the United States have joined Dr. Manoucher Khosrowshahi, TJC government instructor, on 11 travel/study trips to Turkey.

Dr. "K" is accepting reservations for a spring break trip departing March 4 and a 17-day trip in May. The cost is $1,875 for the spring trip, and a deposit is required by December 12. The May trip is $3,150. Both trips include round-trip airfare, hotels, two meals each day, ground transportation, taxes, fees and professional guides.

Visit his website http://socialscience.tjc.edu/mkho/TurkeyTrips/index.htm or call 903–510–2279 or 1–800–687–5680, x2279 for more information.

Baptist Student Union Plans Homecoming Reunion

All former Baptist Student Union members in classes 1965–75 are encouraged to attend a reunion be held October 25, Homecoming Day.

"We're looking forward to a great Homecoming, and we would like for all BSU alumni to contact Sherry Prater Patterson at babs3232@yahoo.com or call 1–800–689–8498," Betty Briggs, TJC alumni relations director, said. "We hope everyone will help us get in touch with BSU alumni. For more information or to add your name to the reunion list, please contact the TJC Alumni office at bbri@tjc.edu or by calling 1–800–687–5680, x2371 or 903–510–2371."

Above, reunion organizers, left to right, Sherry (Prater) Patterson '70, Liane Beacham '71, Emma Lou Prater, and Sandy (Prater) Adams '74, look through Apache yearbooks and BSU Smoke Signals.

Apache Basketball Schedule

Nov.	1	Midland College, (W), Midland, 2 p.m.
	4	**McLennan Community College**, (W), 7 p.m.
	6	Grayson County CC, (W), Denison, 6 p.m.
	7-8	**TJC Classic**, (M), TBA
	10	**Nigerian Team**, (M), 7:30 p.m.
	11	McLennan Community College, (W), Waco, 7 p.m.
	12	**Southwest Christian**, (M), 7 p.m.
	14-15	**TJC Classic**, (M), TBA
	19	*Blinn College, (WM), Brenham, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
	21-22	Conners State College, (W), Ft. Smith. AR
	22	UA/Ft. Smith, (W), Ft. Smith, AR, 4 p.m.
		*Lee College, (M), Baytown, 4 p.m.
	25	***Angelina College**, (WM), 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
	29	**Southwest Christian CC**, (W), 2 p.m.
Dec.	**3**	***Paris Junior College**, (WM), 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
	5	**New Mexico Community College**, (W), 8 p.m.
	6	**UA/Fort Smith**, (W), 4 p.m.
		*Lon Morris College, (M), Jacksonville, 7 p.m.
Jan.	**2**	**Grayson County Community College**, (W), 6 p.m.
	7	*Panola College, (WM), Carthage, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
	10	***Trinity Valley Community College**, (WM), 2 & 4 p.m.
	14	***Kilgore College**, (WM), 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
	17	LSU Eunice, (W), Eunice, LA, 2 p.m.
		*Navarro College, (M), Corsicana, 7 p.m.
	21	***San Jacinto College**, (WM), 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
	24	*Jacksonville College, (WM), Jacksonville, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
	26	*Lon Morris College, (W), Jacksonville, 5:30 p.m.
	28	***Blinn College**, (WM), 5 & 7 p.m.
	31	***Lee College**, (M), 4 p.m.
Feb.	4	*Angelina College, (WM), Lufkin, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
	7	*Paris Junior College, (WM), Paris, 2 & 4 p.m.
	9	***Lon Morris College**, (WM), 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
	11	***Panola College**, (WM), 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
	14	*Trinity Valley CC, (WM), Athens, 2 & 4 p.m.
	18	*Kilgore College, (WM), Kilgore, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
	21	**LSU Eunice**, (W), 2 p.m.
		***Navarro College**, (M), 4 p.m.
	25	*San Jacinto College, (WM), Pasadena, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
	28	***Jacksonville College**, (WM), 5 & 7 p.m.
Mar.	2-5	Region XIV Tournament, (W)

**=Conference Game M=Men's Game; W=Ladies Game*

Boldface type indicates home game at Wagstaff Gym

Apache Baseball Schedule

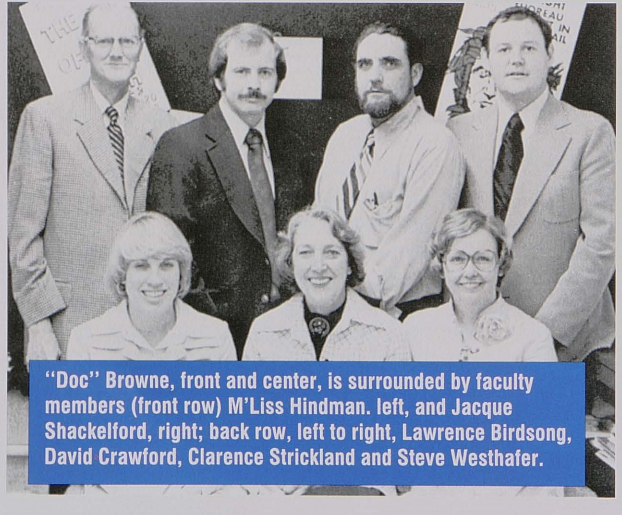
Feb.	**3**	**Lon Morris College**, (DH), 12 noon
	5	**Richland College**, (DH), 2 p.m.
	7	Cedar Valley College, (DH), Lancaster, 12 noon
	10	Lon Morris College, Jacksonville, 2 p.m.
	12	McMurry University JV, (DH), Abilene, 1 p.m.
	13	Richland College, (DH), Dallas, 12 noon
	17	**East Texas Baptist University JV**, (DH), 3 p.m.
	19	Weatherford College, Weatherford, 1 p.m.
	21	**Cedar Valley College**, (DH), 12 noon
	24	**LSU–Eunice**, (DH), 1 p.m.
	26	**Lon Morris College**, 2 p.m.
	28	Eastfield College, (DH), Mesquite, 12 noon
	29	Rose State College, (DH), Midwest City, OK, 12 noon
Mar.	2	Lon Morris College, (DH), Jacksonville, 12 noon
	4-6	**TJC Tournament**, TBA
	15	**Brookhaven College**, (DH), 1 p.m.
	19	**Austin Community College**, 4 p.m.
	20	**Austin Community College**, (DH), 11 a.m.

DH=Double Header **Bold face type=home games played at Mike Carter Field, 717 Fair Park Drive**

October 31, 1910–June 3, 2003

Friends, TJC Family Recall 'Leading Lady,' "Doc" Browne

Doctor Jean Browne, *affectionately known as "Doc," came to TJC in 1948 as an instructor with three young children to care for after the sudden death of her husband. She earned a doctorate degree and became director of the fine arts division before her retirement in 1984. The Jean Speller Browne Theatre in the Wise Cultural Arts Center was named in her honor, and she left a legacy of excellence in forensic competitions and drama productions. However, her interest in the lives of speech-theatre faculty and students, even unofficially adopting a student from Japan, Atsuko Kugimia, left a more personal legacy. She died June 3 at a Tyler hospital. During her lifetime, she had a tremendous impact on those who knew her, and we've chosen a few of their memories as a tribute to an aspiring Broadway actress who became a TJC star.*

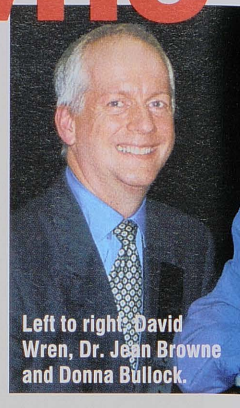


"Doc" Browne, front and center, is surrounded by faculty members (front row) M'Liss Hindman. left, and Jacque Shackelford, right; back row, left to right, Lawrence Birdsong, David Crawford, Clarence Strickland and Steve Westhafer.

DAVID CRAWFORD, ***Chair, TJC Speech/Theatre Department:*** Doc's legacy to me was a vision of what we could become and how. She motivated and inspired those around her to reach beyond the mere mortal coil's ability and stretch our limits. Mediocrity was not in her vocabulary. She demanded and received excellence. She took great pride in her accomplishments and left us with a most meaningful gift—an attitude that required us to be the best if we were to produce the best. Her legacy lives on as she does in our hearts.

JACQUE SHACKELFORD, **TJC *Speech/Theatre Instructor:*** Doc was always interested in making students better. That included sometimes adopting them and sometimes doing other things. For instance, she found that one of the young men in her group was a talented poet, so she invited the faculty to her house for a "reading" of his work. The young man that she thus encouraged was Will Jennings, two-time Oscar winner for his song lyrics. She had a good eye for talent.

One time, Doc's students wanted to go to a speech tournament and had no funds, so they decided, without her approval, to sell eggs door to door. Dr. Jenkins called her in and demanded that the students return every egg and give the money back. Doc would always add gleefully, "but we went to the tournament." She believed 100% in what her kids did and would move heaven and earth to benefit them.



Left to right, David Wren, Dr. Jean Browne and Donna Bullock.

Doc said that when she died, she wanted a recording in the bell tower that had her voice playing at odd intervals with messages such as: "I see you over there and you just quit it." "Alone, alone, all all alone," and singing "How dry I am." I wish we had it.

STEVE WESTHAFER, ***TJC Speech/Theatre Instructor:*** We adored her! We really were, and still are, like a family. We worked together and laughed together. We have so many marvelous memories! In '71, Doc decided to direct *Lion in Winter*, and she wanted me for Henry and Jacque for Eleanor. Jacque was seven months pregnant, but that wasn't going to stop Doc. The show was going to be done and Jacque was going to be Eleanor. They made a large, green velvet robe for Jacque to wear, and the show went on.

Doc was in her 60's when we were all at a party at my house, and we helped her climb a tree. We left her up in it until she threatened to fire all of us if we didn't help her down.

I still laugh when I think about the time we had a staff meeting at the construction site of the new building. I was pushing her in her wheelchair back to her office, and I may have been

By Nita Wilson

going a little too fast. It turned over leaving her sprawling on the ground. She wasn't hurt, and we laughed so hard. She had a great sense of humor!

Benard Cummings, ***Actor:*** Doc Browne was one of a kind! She taught me so much! When I came to TJC, I didn't know what endeavor I wanted to pursue. While in line for registration, I struck up a

conversation with a lovely lady behind me, Eileen Garrett. She asked me what I planned to major in, and I told her I didn't know. She asked me if I liked theatre, and I said, "Yes, I had participated in the one-act play program at Union Hill High School." After we had registered, she took me to the Jean Browne Theatre. When I met Doc, it was love at first sight. "You sound very regional, daaahling, but that's perfectly okay. We'll change that," she said while taking down a copy of *Othello*. For weeks, we worked on the "it is the cause" monologue, perfecting every word, cleaning up my 'regionalism' It was, by far, one of the most intense experiences I've ever had working with an acting coach.

I have much to thank her for and I consider it an honor to have known such a classy, generous person. Rest well, Doc. Someday, all of your "babies" will meet you in that great Theatre in the sky! And oh, what a production that'll be!

Celebrating the new building and the 166-seat theatre inside named in her honor, speech and theatre faculty gather at Dr. Browne's desk as construction continues. Left to right are Steve Westhaver, Clarence Strickland, Browne, David Crawford, Lawrence Birdsong, Jacque Shackelford and M'Liss Hindman.

Frank L. DeBenedetto, ***Businessman:*** Doc Browne changed my life! A very shy kid from Tyler, I wanted to do, be, see or experience, but I went to TJC not knowing what I wanted to do. However, I was required to take an elective my second semester, and I ended up in Doc's speech class. She encouraged and worked with me, and, oddly enough, invited me to go to a speech tournament in Oklahoma as a dramatic reader. At the last minute, I just couldn't compete. Doc should have been furious at me, but she only said, "That's okay. Next time will be easier."

Later, she talked me into acting and into taking a principal role in a Shakespeare play. Two weeks into rehearsal, she pulled me aside and told me to meet her the next day in the speech lab where she began a two-year program with the sole purpose of losing my Texas accent. She said she thought I was very good at acting, a natural, and she thought I might have a future, but there were very few roles for actors with Texas accents. (Little did we know about the coming successes of actors with accents.) With her encouragement, help, and yes I think, love, I did a lot of acting. I won the Las Mascaras Best Actor of 1966 for the lead role in *Harvey*. Later, Doc told me that I reminded her of a man her sister had a date with when they were in college—James Stewart.

Because of Doc Browne, I went to a university, received my degree, made a few movies and commercials, performed on stage all over the country and then found out that I was even better at business. Doc Browne was the person who helped me focus and get started wherever my path was headed. She gave me the heart, the mindset and the confidence to start my

Dr. Jean "Doc" Browne is delighted with her 90th birthday cake—the Jean Browne Theatre in icing.

journey, and for that, she will forever be in my heart. Words like legend, diva and mentor are used so carelessly these days, but I think Jean S. Browne is all of these, and I will miss her.

David Wren, ***Arts Supporter:*** I had unconditional love for Doc. She had an amazing impact on my life. In 2000, for her 90th birthday, I presented her with a dedicated seat at The National Theatre in Washington, D.C. on behalf of the Las Mascaras alumni. She was completely caught off guard and delighted that the seat is on row "K" near seats for James Stewart and Josh Logan. When Steve Westhafer wheeled her onto the stage of the theatre named in her honor, she and I were the great team of entertainers that we were meant to be. Quite comical.

Doc gave us all, each other—a marvelous network of TJC devotees that look to each other and are lucky to have each other and the wonderful gifts that Doc shared with us all. ℂ

Left to right: Jacque Shackelford, Steve Westhafer, Rebecca Faulds, Dr. Jean Browne, Clarence Strickland, Vic Siller and Dr. David Crawford.

Auto Technology Center Named in Honor of Roosth Gift

A $500,000 gift from the Sam Roosth Foundation in May made possible the creation of the Jake and Mary Roosth Automotive Technology Center, inside the Skills Training Center on the West Campus.

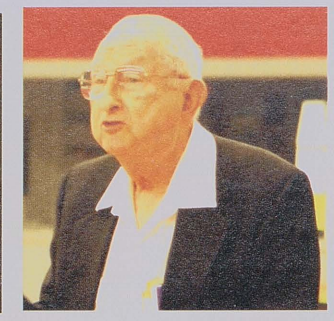
The announcement was made at a dinner held in the Roosth family's honor.

The gift funds equipment for the state-of-the-art Center, which now includes 12 workstations, six classrooms, and laboratory areas for students to study auto repair and diesel engine repair. In addition, the Foundation's gift will create the Jake Roosth Memorial Scholarship Endowment. The endowment will fund scholarships for college-level students in the automotive technology program who elect to pursue certificates of proficiency or associate degrees in the field.

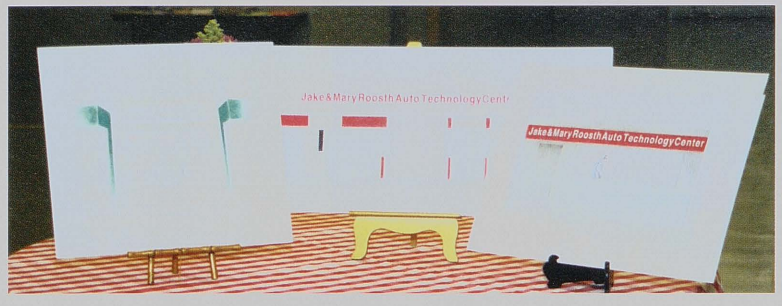
"We deeply appreciate this gift which will help fund the purchase of automotive technology equipment," said TJC President Dr. William R. Crowe. "The need for this center was clearly communicated to us by the automotive dealerships in this region. This kind of financial support helps us meet the need for qualified automotive technicians and provides high-paying skilled career opportunities for young men and women.

"We are also grateful to the Sam Roosth Foundation for helping qualified students participate in the program."

This Fall more than 450 students are enrolled in the automotive technology program. Many are students at area high schools and participate in auto technology instruction delivered by TJC faculty members on their high school campuses.



Above left, Beck Roosth and Glenda Kennemer at the gift announcement barbecue in May. At right, Wiley Roosth addresses the group. Below, renderings of proposed signage for the center are displayed.



With the addition of scholarship opportunities, many of the students may now elect to continue their education in auto technology and pursue proficiency certificates and associate degrees, said Dr. Kim Russell, executive director of the TJC Foundation.

The Roosth Scholarship program will fund the total cost of tuition, fees, books, and tools.

"We believe there is no greater investment that can be made than to help young people receive an education and train for a career to become productive members of society," said Wiley Roosth, foundation president, in a statement announcing the gift.

"We are fortunate to have this facility in Tyler, and our family is delighted that it will bear the names of Jake and Mary Roosth. We hope our announcement today will inspire others to learn more about the Skills Training Center and the partnership programs made possible by it. The Center deserves the support of this community and other assistance gifts to assure its success."

Scholarships Update

The Gloria and Ralph L. Davis Legacy Scholarship was established recently by R. L. Davis, President of R. L. Davis Fine Jewelry since 1982. Mr. Davis currently serves as a Board Member of the Tyler Junior College Foundation. The recipient will be a freshman or sophomore student majoring in the Tyler Junior College Performance Arts. ...

The Marjorie Manning Legacy Scholarship of Music was established recently by Alan. L. Manning, in memory of his wife, Marjorie. Their son, Larry A. Manning, is an instructor of Computer Information Technology for TJC.

Both Larry and his dad have a passion for ensemble music, especially the trumpet. The recipient must be a participant in Tyler Junior College's Performance Arts pursuing a professional career in instrumental music: keyboard, strings, brass, woodwinds, or percussion. ...

A gift of $10,000 from the Tyler Women's Council of Realtors established the June Roberts Theatre Arts Scholarship for students of the College.

The endowment is established in memory of the late Kathleen June Roberts, a recognized face on the stage of the Tyler Civic Theatre and an active member of the Tyler Civic Theatre Board of Directors. Roberts served as the Tyler Civic Theatre's vice president of public relations and editor of the TCT Newsletter. She was also involved backstage and was co-producing a play for the theatre at the time of her death in April of 2002.

The first recipient of the scholarship will be announced in the Fall of 2004. To be eligible, students must plan to take a full schedule of classes and major in a performing arts field.

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Botanical Gardens Project Would Foster Education, Attract Tourists

TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE
BOTANICAL *Gardens*

Tyler's Rose City designation and its heritage as a focal point for floral springtime beauty attract thousands of visitors each year.

The annual Rose Festival and Azalea and Spring Flower Trails events demonstrate the diversity, breadth and color made possible by the area's rich soil and robust growing seasons.

With the completion of the Tyler Junior College Botanical Gardens, visitors from all parts of the South will be offered another attraction to the region.

On the main TJC campus, they'll enjoy a variety of garden specimens in a one of a kind setting including native and rare plantings, topiary hedges, ornamental trees and brilliantly colored perennials.

Design concepts for the series of theme gardens were developed by noted Texas landscape architect Naud Burnett, whose work with the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden have been widely recognized.

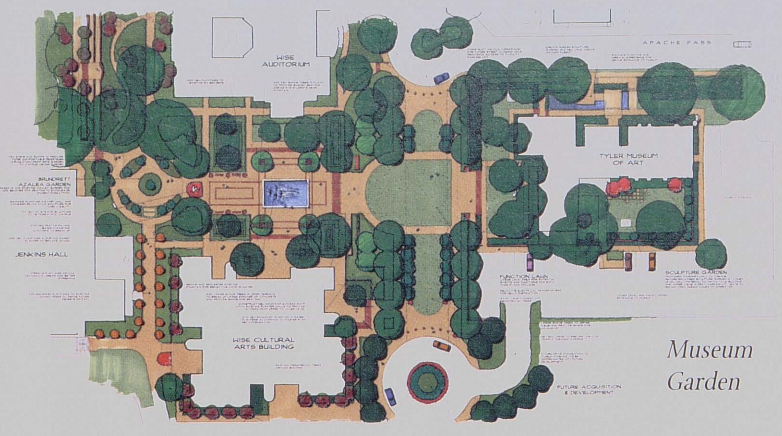
Burnett's plan, funded by the late James F. Gatewood, identifies seven diverse and independent plots of landscapes which will serve not only as points of relief and enjoyment for visitors but as educational attractions for gardeners and students of all ages.

The privately funded campaign to complete the botanical gardens was officially launched September 22 with a tea and informational preview with Burnett.

More than 250 attended, representing garden clubs and landscape architecture enthusiasts from throughout East Texas and beyond.

"Our hope is that this will be very educational and that students will gain exposure to and experience with horticulture," said Ina Brundrett, a member of the project's advisory committee and one of the original volunteers who helped make possible the gardens first project in 1996.

"The community will also benefit from seeing things that can be grown in this area, by touring the campus. People need to be inspired to try new plantings and this campus can open their eyes to new possibilities."



Museum Garden

The idea of campus-wide botanical gardens emerged with the establishment of the Ina Brundrett Azalea Garden, between Jenkins Hall and the Wise Cultural Arts Plaza, at the center of the main campus. Brundrett's personal gift matched with a company contribution made the brick and flora center-point possible.

Now, the campaign to continue the botanical gardens places primary emphasis on the establishment of the **Mahon Street Event Garden** and the **Museum Garden**, both of which will serve to further connect the College and the Tyler Museum of Art while providing a much-needed pedestrian travel and social area on Mahon.

When finalized, the Mahon Street Event Garden would close Mahon from Fifth Street to Apache Pass, creating a large event lawn that would be the ideal environment for small festivals, concerts, exhibits and other community activities. The Museum Garden will incorporate new plantings into the existing landscape, including ornamental understory trees. The main design will provide for several unique multi-purpose garden areas featuring shade plantings.

Linda Whetsell, president of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., envisions the gardens as a project with community-wide appeal.

"I went to TJC and I remember how beautiful the grounds were. They've continued to develop and are still a source of inspiration for me every time I come on campus," she said. "Anyone in Tyler should be excited that the college is committed to offering its campus as a showcase. The setting is perfect.

"One needn't be a graduate or a horticulture student or even a student to see the advantages of this project for our community's welfare. All contributions will help this project and those who give will have the reward of seeing the continued development of a beautiful, educational setting."

Mahon Street Event Garden

Present advisory committee members include Ina Brundrett, Paul Ferguson, Keith Hansen, Naomi Marksbury,

Keith Mills, Brent Pemberton, Craig Reiland, Betty Summers, Peggy Smith, Linda Whetsell and Bitsy Wynne. Many were part of the original selection committee that chose Naud to give definition and structure to the overall project because of his vast experience in educational garden development.

Recognized for his involvement with the Dallas community and dedication to the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden, Burnett is one of the most noted landscape architects of our time. President of Naud Burnett and Partners, Inc., and CEO of Casa Flora, Inc., he has been the recipient of numerous national and regional awards for his excellence in landscape architecture. His design projects have been extensively exhibited in many nationally circulated publications.

Burnett is no stranger to the Rose City. He has developed numerous private landscape projects in Tyler and throughout East Texas, including the residence of Lonnie "Bo" Pilgrim in Pittsburg.

He is credited with planting the oldest azaleas along Preston Road, a few blocks south of Mockingbird, in Dallas. He serves the Dallas Arboretum as a consultant and was the chief designer behind the new Trammell Crow Visitor's Education Pavilion that opened earlier this year. He also established the master landscape plan for the Dallas Civic Garden Center.

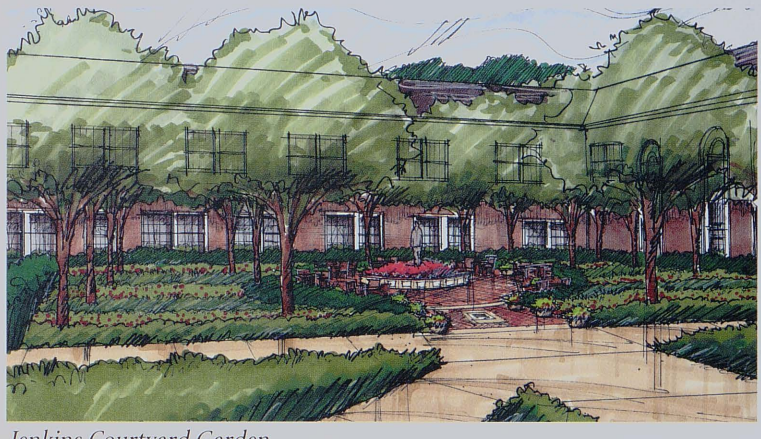
"Bringing someone of the stature of Naud Burnett to our gardens project gives balance and structure," said Mitch Andrews, TJC director of principal gifts. "We now have a solid plan based upon scale maps and the plant recommendations and themes established by Mr. Burnett. All of the gardens are in keeping with the College's master plan."

"Our hope is that the Tyler Junior College Botanical Gardens will become a major tourist destination."

In addition to the Museum Garden and the Mahon Street Event Garden, the project includes:

The President's Garden, an intimate formal garden located behind the White Administrative Services Center, which will feature outdoor student seating and sculpture. Topiary hedges, small ornamental trees, perennials and brilliant seasonal color will distinguish this elegant classic garden. New walkways will help define pedestrian traffic and connect the White Administrative Services Center to the Campus Center Garden.

The **Campus Center Garden** will provide a prototypical college campus space between Vaughn Library and Jenkins Hall. A campus identity will be developed by creating the College logo using a series of multi-colored walkways that will also organize and re-direct pedestrian traffic. The innovative traffic pattern will provide better access from the east to the west sides of the campus. An open lawn space will be utilized for special events. The area will create a central public space and will be defined with large shade trees, low shrubs and a variety of seasonal color plantings.



Jenkins Courtyard Garden

Not far away will be the **Jenkins Courtyard Garden**, in the courtyard area north of Jenkins Hall. This lovely garden will provide a tranquil study and seating space using delicate flowering trees, as well as a variety of shrubs and groundcover. Decorative planters with lush seasonal color will enhance several seating areas for students. The garden will connect Jenkins Hall to the central campus area and create a rich visual backdrop for public art and sculpture.

The **Education Garden** will be located between Jenkins Hall, Potter Hall and Wise Auditorium and will feature specimen and ornamental trees, shrubs and an inviting lawn area. Additional student seating areas will be provided beneath existing trees. Natural plantings will be used to enrich the view between Jenkins and Potter Halls, and a covered pavilion will be constructed, which will match the campus architecture. This area will provide a visual connection between the Campus Center Garden and the Wise Cultural Arts Plaza and will include an informal garden for teaching and demonstration opportunities.

The **Brundrett Azalea Garden**, already beautiful, will be enhanced with under-story shrub plantings and new trees. The garden is a potential spot to add outdoor art in order to connect the TJC campus to the Tyler Museum of Art. To maintain the intimate design of the garden, small furniture will be added. The main north-south pedestrian access between Jenkins Hall and the Wise Cultural Arts Building will also be emphasized to improve campus flow.

The **Arts Garden**, between Wise Auditorium and the cultural arts building will be enhanced with large shade trees to encourage students to study and socialize. Raised planters with bright seasonal color will surround the Wise Cultural Arts Building. A variety of colorful paving materials and plazas will be developed to tie the area to the campus theme, as well as improve the east-west connection from the Mahon Street Event Garden and the Museum Garden. Space will also be available for arts events, as well as displays of outdoor art and sculpture.

"A lot of thought and careful planning guided by expert landscape and horticultural leaders has gone into this project," said TJC President Dr. William R. Crowe. "The College appreciates the work of the many individuals who have made these plans a reality. I look forward to continuing to work toward making each of these gardens a reality for the beauty of our campus and the educational enhancement of the whole community."

Those interested in assisting the project are urged to contact Andrews at 903–510–2034 or mand@tjc.edu.

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MEET MR. MENSCH: TJC'S NEW MUSIC MAN

Every single week there's going to be something different on the field throughout the entire season. We want to put on a great show.

By Nita Wilson

On the hottest day of the summer with temperatures in triple digits, the sounds of *El Torro Caliente, toreador tunes,* drifted across the Tyler Junior College campus. The TJC Apache Band under the direction of Thomas Mensch, the college's new band director, tried to stay cool as they rehearsed the collection of bullfighter tunes that features an upbeat tempo and plenty of action for the percussion section.

While other students were enjoying waning vacation days at a lake or poolside, the musicians searched for a bit of shade as they practiced under the trees, but they seemed to enjoy working on the halftime show that will feature a Latin theme. "They're excited!" Mensch explained.

During home football games this season, buy the nachos early while the visiting band is performing. Mensch is planning to produce shows that will keep people in the stands. "Every single week there's going to be something different on the field throughout the entire season," he said. "We want to put on a great show." Before the game, the band, in a corps style formation, will play a patriotic medley of armed forces tunes.

Playing for Pride

Mensch is impressed with the members of band. "All of the students are really great. They're adults now and they're here because they want to be here. They've come from really good programs, and they're well-disciplined. It's been an easy experience and a lot of fun." He's especially pleased with how quickly they learn to play new, difficult selections.

"My goal is for them to become better. That comes from high expectations and asking them to go beyond what they think they can do, and these kids are absolutely doing a fantastic job."

The band is three times larger than it was last year with each member receiving a performance scholarship. Most of them are from East Texas, and more than 20 are from Tyler's Robert E. Lee High School where Mensch spent the last four years serving as director. However, many are from the Dallas and Houston areas with a few calling Oklahoma, Colorado and Mississippi home.

Mensch called Bellefonte, Pennsylvania home until he became director of bands at Houston's Mirabeau B. Lamar High School where he served three years after obtaining a bachelor's degree at Pennsylvania State

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University in 1996. A member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, music fraternity; the Texas Bandmasters Association, the Texas Music Educators Association, Mensch's goal was to teach at the college level. "I'm still pinching myself. It's a tremendously gratifying experience, and to have the opportunity to do so at such a young age is uncanny," the 31-year-old said.

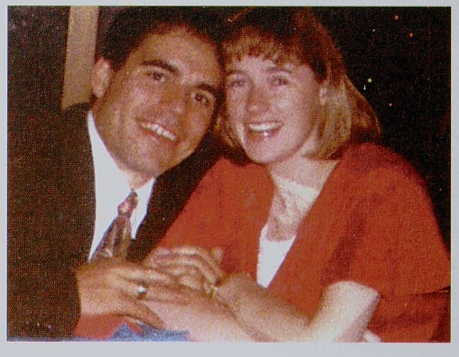
He's looking forward to the spring semester when the students will be working with more challenging music. He compared the marching band to a musical candy bar and concert band to a four-course gourmet meal. "It would be awesome if the audience is as big for our concerts as it is for our football games," he said. "Unfortunately classical music has lost respect in our generation, and much of the popular music has been watered down to basically rhythm and repetitive harmony." He said he appreciates music ... "that transports the listener to another time and place and communicates deep emotion that words can not express."

Mensch also expressed appreciation for the support that he has received from Dr. Bill Crowe, TJC president, and Dr. Cheryl Rogers, managing director of fine and performing arts. "She's incredible. She gives us the power to do our jobs."

He also credits Tom McGowan, associate director of bands/applied percussion instructor, for helping with so many things. "He's really dedicated to this program, and that's one of the reasons it's so successful."

Making Music Together

Mensch has also received volunteer help from one of his greatest admirers—his wife, Heather. They met at a six-week summer orchestral training institute in North Carolina eight years ago. He was principal trombone, and she played bass trombone. They were friends at first note, engaged before the last song and married the following year after he graduated from Penn State and she from the University of Kentucky. "I became a Christian, and I knew this was the one God intended for me



to marry," he said. "It was one of those things you just know."

After the wedding, they drove to Houston for band camp where they also began working together. "We worked side-by-side for three years, and I believe it strengthened our marriage. You learn to accept each other. When you're going home with your co-worker, you have to learn how to work out the differences."

Away from work, they enjoy playing in the Tyler Big Band under the direction of retired TJC band director, Dr. Edwin Fowler. "They're both fine musicians, and they have wonderful personalities and good character," Dr. Fowler said. "They're great!"

Mensch said he wants members of the TJC Apache Band to apply the lessons they learn from being in the group to their own personal lives whether it's to careers, families or relationships. "I think that's one of the great things band can do for people. It's not just about going out and performing a fantastic show. It's all the prep work, rehearsals and time you spend to make things better. The diligence and the effort that it takes are tremendous,"

He has found it can also be very rewarding to do what you love to do—working with people and producing good music.

BIG BAND NEEDED A HAND—With the addition of more band members and more instruments, the Apache Band needed a way to transport equipment to and from the College. After the year's first football game, Harold Beaird, Billy Hibbs, Jr., and Citizens 1st Bank each made contributions so that the band could purchase a used cargo truck rather than renting equipment. Bill Barrett of Barrett Motor Company made a gift-in-kind to make the purchase possible. Pictured left to right are Hibbs, Barrett, Mensch, Beaird and Randy Grooms of Citizens 1st Bank.

Eighth Annual TJC Alumni Association Awards

The TJC Alumni Association's Board of Directors have selected three outstanding individuals to honor at this year's Homecoming Alumni Awards Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 25.

Jack C. Sweeny '67

Distinguished Alumni Award

Jack is the president and chief executive officer of Temple-Inland Forest Products Corporation, a group that includes twenty-one plant facilities and 2.1 million acres of company forestland. While attending TJC, Jack was a proud member of the "Ironman Eight" Apache basketball team and was listed in *Who's Who in American Junior Colleges.* He earned his BBA in marketing from Texas A&M University in 1969, began his career with Temple in 1970 as a sales trainee and in 1988 completed the Stanford University Executive Management Program.

In 1996, Jack received an appointment by Governor George W. Bush to serve on the Angelina Neches River Authority Board for a six-year term and during his tenure, served as president of the board. He also served on the Angelina County Chamber of Commerce Board and the Strategic Planning Committee.

He currently serves on the boards of the Forest Resources Institute at SFA University, the Diboll Housing Foundation and Angelina College. He is a member of the A& M College of Agricultural Development Council, serves on the American Forest & Paper Association's CEO Forestry Committee and is a director of First Bank & Trust East Texas.

Jack enjoys playing golf at the renowned Crown Colony Country Club in Lufkin. He and his wife An have been married for 34 years and have two daughters, Jennifer Sweeny Hill and Sara Sweeny.

The Distinguished Alumni Award is the most prestigious award given by the College. It recognizes a former student for distinguished professional achievement and distinctive contributions to society.

Dr. Cheryl Lynn (Whisenant) Rogers '69

Apache Spirit Award

Cheryl graduated from TJC in 1969 and received her music degree from The University of North Texas, her master of arts degree from Stephen F. Austin State University and her doctorate in education from Texas A&M University–Commerce. She is director/instructor for TJC Fine and Performing Arts which includes overseeing the Concert Chorus, Chamber Singers, the Apache Belles, and the entertainment group, Harmony and Understanding. While attending TJC, Cheryl was a member of the Singing Apaches, the Apache Belles, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Alpha Chi, Pi Kappa Lambda-Music, Kappa Delta Pi Sorority, and the singing trio "The Pebbles."

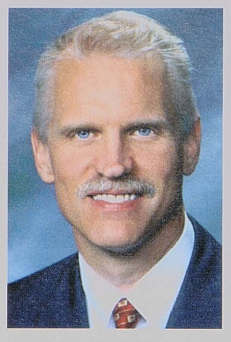
Recent honors include: *Who's Who in America, Who's Who Among America's Teachers,* and *Who's Who Among American Women.* She served as the 2002 President of the Texas Association of Music Schools, past vice president of education for the Women's Symphony League, and is the 2003 President of Young Audiences of Northeast Texas. She is a member of the Texas Commission on the Arts Grant Review Panel, the East Texas Symphony Orchestra Advisory Committee, and was honored at Women in Tyler Day 2002 for her contributions to the community in the area of performing arts. Also in 2002, she was recognized as an Outstanding Educator on KLTV Channel 7 "Changing Our World" segment. In 2002 she was also received the Noted Circle Award presented by the Tyler Youth Orchestra for implementing a partnership between Tyler Junior College and TYO.

Cheryl and her husband C. Michael Rogers live in Tyler and have two children, Jennifer and Christopher.

This award recognizes a person or group who has shown spirit and motivation through the contribution of time and energy to a program or activity which measurably benefited the College.

Billy Hibbs, Jr. '78

Valuable Young Alumnus Award



Billy is the President and CEO of Heartland Security Insurance Group, which regularly ranks among the top 100 largest insurance firms in the nation. At TJC he received a full music scholarship, playing trumpet in the Apache Band and lead guitar in the stage band. He remembers fondly playing with the Band at the Dallas-Denver Super bowl. Hibbs was a member of Kappa Kappa Psi, president of Phi Theta Kappa honor fraternity and received the Rotary Club's Young Citizen Award. He graduated Magna Cum Laude and went on to earn his BBA from The University of Texas at Austin, his MBA from Southern Methodist University, and a degree from Southwestern Graduate School of Banking.

He is a member of the TJC Foundation Board, Junior Achievement, and is chairman of the Better Business Bureau of Central East Texas. He was the 2001 president of the Boys and Girls Club and is past president of the Tyler Rotary Club.

The Hibbs Family Foundation has established two scholarships at TJC: the Alton B. Melton Musical Scholarship and the Marshall and Mary Smith Law Enforcement Scholarship. They also recently made a grant to Junior Achievement and to the BBB.

Billy is an avid cyclist and has won numerous national championship races. He also spent 10 years restoring a 1966 Jaguar XKE and won the Jaguar Clubs of North America National Concourse Championship. Billy and his wife Tisa Weiss Hibbs have two children, Stratton Weiss and London Elizabeth.

The Valuable Young Alumni Award recognizes an individual of integrity and stature for distinguished achievement in a business, profession, life's work or through outstanding service to Tyler Junior College. (Recipients must not have reached their 45th birthday by January of the year they are honored.)

TJC Alumni 2003 Homecoming—Saturday, October 25

9:30 a.m. **Reunion for Baptist Student Union Members, '65–'75**, Baptist Student Union, 1333 South Baxter Street *(across the street from White Administrative Service Center)*

10:00 a.m. **Alumni Reception and Reunions for Former Cheerleaders, Band Members, Class of '73, Phi Theta Kappa, and All Former Students and Guests,** Second Floor of Rogers Student Center

11:15 a.m. **Band Pep Rally**, Rogers Student Center, Front Entrance

11:30 a.m. **Alumni Awards Luncheon**, Rogers Student Center, Apache Rooms First floor *(NO CHARGE—Reservations by October 20, 2003)*

This year's award recipients:

Jack C. Sweeny, '67, *Distinguished Alumni Award*

Dr. Cheryl Lynn (Whisenant) Rogers, '69, *Apache Spirit Award*

Billy Hibbs, Jr., '78, *Valuable Young Alumnus Award*

1:30 p.m. **Belle Gold Reunion Reception**, Rose Stadium Parking Lot

2:00 p.m. **Belles/Belle Gold, Band/Band Alumni Walk the Rim**, Rose Stadium

2:20 p.m. **Homecoming Pre-game Show and Court Presentation**, Rose Stadium

3:00 p.m. **Homecoming Game**, Tyler Junior College vs. Trinity Valley Community College, Rose Stadium (*Tickets are free to all Alumni Association members and everyone who attends the luncheon*)

6:30 p.m. **Baptist Student Union Reunion Dinner** (TBA)

For more information or to RSVP, call the Alumni Office at 903–510–2588, 800–687–5680 or fax 903–510–2632, or e-mail Betty Briggs at bbri@tjc.edu

Other Campus Homecoming Events (October 21–24, 2003) include:

Tuesday & Wednesday: Dinner Theatre—*The Scheme of the Driftless Shifter,* 7:30 p.m., Rogers Student Center, Apache Rooms *(for more information call Student Activities at 903–510–2259)*

Thursday: Reception for Smith County TJC Alumni Members, The Java Cup, 6 p.m., Rogers Student Center *(call 903–510–2371 to R.S.V.P. or for more information)*

Friday: Pep Rally, 11:30 a.m. on the lawn between Jenkins & Vaughn Library

Campus Capers Talent Show, 7:30 p.m., Wise Auditorium *(free for Alumni Members)*

ALUMNI NOTES

1939

☆ **Kenneth B. Ragsdale** founded The Ken Ragsdale Orchestra in 1959 and remains one of the busiest dance bands in Central Texas. Ken has also just completed his fifth book which is scheduled to be published in 2004 by The University of Texas Press. He likes to say "And it all started at TJC."

1949

Herman M. Collins, Jr. has been with the Dallas School District for 38 years. After graduating from TJC in 1949 he went on to SMU, graduating in 1951 with a BS degree and MA degree in 1961.

1951

Tommy and **Connie (Howard) Hawkins,** ('53), celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 18, 2003. Tommy and Connie married on July 18, 1953, at the First Presbyterian Church in Tyler. He is retired from Tyler Junior College, and Connie is a homemaker. They have two sons and a daughter-in-law, Timothy Hawkins of Chicago, Illinois, and Terry and Diane Hawkins of Tyler. They are planning to take a family Caribbean cruise at a later date.

1956

James A. Townsend and wife, the former Patsy Jean Baker, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary recently with a trip to Hot Springs, Arkansas; Tunica, and Vicksburg, Mississippi; and Bossier City, Louisiana. They have two sons, Brent Baker of Oklahoma City, and Trent Allen of Commerce, Oklahoma. They also have four grandchildren.

1964

✪ **Louis (Lou) Fouts III** now lives in Dallas, Texas. He graduated from The University of Texas Law School and has his own law firm. He is listed in *Who Who's in American Law*. He is married to the former Mary Glen Joy of Dallas. They have four children and one grandchild. They enjoy outdoor activities, jogging, and traveling. He urges all the Dallas TJC classmates to come to the Dallas Alumni social events, so they can reminisce about the "good times" they had in college.

1966

✪✪ **Dr. Linda (Griffin) Watkins,** former TJC dean of liberal and fine arts, has been appointed president of San Jacinto College South Campus. She graduated magna cum laude from The University of Texas at Arlington and received her master's degree and doctorate from Texas A&M University–Commerce. Husband, **John Watkins** ('62), has received his "fellow" in dentistry and still practices in Lindale. Daughter Kerry ('95) is a physician in Temple, and Candice ('94) is in Oregon "doing her tree thing" according to mom.

1972

Valerie (Ford) Monrad and husband, Chris, live in Flower Mound, Texas. Chris is in sales with Vistar Foods. Valerie is in art and design and is doing a wide variety of interesting projects with homes, furniture and accessories.

1975

Margie (Gentil) Clark is now working for a cement company in downtown Houston. Margie and her husband Chris live on a boat in Seabrook. She writes, "Life is very good."

1980

Alexandra Patricia (Tricia Crumbly) Young married Jerry Homolka in October 2002. She is serving as director of admissions at Parker College of Chiropractic. She is also attending The University of North Texas working toward a master's degree in creative writing. She has authored *The Medical Assistant: An Applied Learning Approach* which will be published in May 2003 by Elsevier Science.

1981

Kari (Rocha) Jones was recently awarded the Editor's Choice Award for Outstanding Achievement in Poetry at Cisco Junior College, where she is currently attending. The International Library of Poetry Society, Owings Mills, MD, presented the award. Jones' poem *His Lie* was chosen for publication in the Society's 2002 Edition, *Our Picturesque Ruins*, and a book in the series titled *Letters from the Soul. Our Picturesque Ruins* is on file with the Library of Congress. The book will also be featured throughout the nation in stores and libraries. Kari is majoring in psychology/education and plans to attend Abilene Christian University this fall.

1982

Thomas Buie McClain is now an attorney, practicing law in Tyler. Thomas and wife, Johnna Ann (Adams) McClain were blessed with their first child on Fathers Day, June 15th. Little Emily Morgan McClain weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. and 22 inches long.

1983

Debra Rutledge was recently promoted to Vice President at Southside Bank. After graduating from TJC, she received her bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University. She has been involved with many charitable agencies and is a Leadership Tyler Alumni and current Board Member.

1984

✪ **Charmaine Barton** is a toy buyer for Blockbuster and travels the world looking for new and exciting toys. She works very closely with studios to develop movie related toys.

Sylvia (Willis) Lett resides in Garland, Texas with her husband, Michael of 12 years and their two children, Michael, II (9) and Courtney "Lexi" (6). Sylvia has over 13 years of progressive experience in the information technology field, including 2 years experience with design, development, implementation and support. She has written her first novel, entitled *For Christina's Sake,* which is currently available online from 1st Books. She was a Barnes & Noble spotlight author for a book signing on October 18th from 3–5 p.m. at the Barnes and Noble store, 7700 West Northwest Highway, Dallas.

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1986

Cynthia (Hodges) Betts and her husband, Glenn, live in Lake Jackson and are the proud parents of two children who are now 19 and 20 years old. Cynthia is a registered nurse and Glenn is in partnership at Texas Assistive Devices, LLC.

1990

Joseph Jordan Korkmas is completing his bachelor of science degree in computer Information systems from DeVry University in Dallas. He invites everyone to check out his website at www.josephkorkmas.com.

1991

Sheri (Allison) Mills is currently VP of CNS for the Distance Learning Network. She and her husband Mike have a daughter, Alli, born on February 4, 2002.

1994

☆☆ **Sandy (Hickman) Boucher** and her husband **Dr. John Clifton Boucher** ('91) are the proud parents of a beautiful baby daughter, born March 27, 2003. Little Julia Ann Boucher weighed in a 6 lbs. 7 oz. and was 20 inches long. Dr. and Mrs. Boucher live in Newton, Massachusetts. Dr. Boucher was presented the TJC Valuable Young Alumnus Award at the Homecoming Luncheon last year. ✪✪ **James** ('57) **and Zelda** ('58) **Boucher** are the proud grandparents.

1996

☆ **Rose Louise (Bishop) Kasek** and her husband Ronald live in Tyler. Rose has a daughter, Bonnie, and a son, William. After graduating from TJC, she continued her education at The University of Texas at Tyler. She is currently retired and enjoys quilting and crocheting.

1998

Josh Wilmoth recently started his own computer networking company in Austin.

1999

Roy Martinez was promoted to vice president at the main branch of Southside Bank. He graduated from The University of Texas at Tyler with a bachelor's degree in business administration and is currently enrolled in their MBA program. He has been actively involved with the American Cancer Society, March of Dimes and Junior Achievement.

2000

Marcia Bearden is a third grade teacher for the Plano Independent School District.

2001

✪ **Matthew K. Cates** graduated from The University of Texas at Tyler in May with a bachelor of science degree in journalism. He is currently taking graduate courses at UTT towards a master of arts in teaching.

☆ **Colleen Marie Kachlic** is a candidate for a bachelor of science degree in economics from the College of Business Administration at The University of Texas at Arlington.

Alisha (Beck-Wade) Santiago moved to California after graduating from TJC and met her husband, Ivan Santiago. When her younger brother was diagnosed with a rare cancer, she and her husband moved back to Texas to be near her family. They are planning to move to Houston this fall after the birth of their baby.

2002

✪✪ **Cookie (Cranford) Lowe** and her husband, Stephen, have moved back to Tyler from Athens. Cookie left Baylor Medical Center in May and began working in the Health Information Management Department at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview in June. She passed her national exam and received her credentials as registered health information technician. Stephen is still employed with ETMC in Athens as director of engineering and safety.

Bethany Loudamy spent her summer as royalty and as a ranch hand. What else would you expect from an Apache turned Aggie? June was filled with enchantment as she served the city of Whitehouse as a Lady in Waiting for the Whitehouse YesterYear Celebration. "It was an exciting experience that I will never forget," says Bethany, who earned her place as Lady in Waiting by fundraising and working for the organization for the past two years.

The remainder of the summer was spent as an intermittent ranch hand at her uncle and aunt's ranch in Brownsboro where she cared for their menagerie of bucking bulls, horses, miniature donkeys, dogs, cats, fish, turtles and ducks.

She has enjoyed her time at home this summer but is anxious to return to College Station in the fall, she writes and ends her story with a "WHOOP!"

☆ **Brian Edward McDonald** is currently the web mail administrator for the White House, working in Presidential Correspondence. Brian is married to the former ✪ **Elizabeth "Davi" Hudson**. Elizabeth was a former instructor at Tyler Junior College and the daughter of TJC Board of Trustee ✪ **David Hudson** ('67). Brian and Elizabeth are now living in Virginia.

2003

☆ **De'Otta Len (Trotter) Cook** has recently acquired a position in the cardiac ICU at Trinity Mother Frances Hospital.

☆ **Katharine Renee Daniel** is attending The University of Texas at Tyler in the fall to pursue her bachelor's degree

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☆ **Donna Sue (Butts) Lack** and husband, Farris, are in the process of starting up a wildlife center to educate the public about the native wildlife in Texas.

☆ **Luritta Ann (Owens) Robertson** received her nursing degree from TJC in May and is currently working in the ICU at Trinity Mother Frances Hospital. She and her husband Brannon live in Gladewater.

☆ **Jason Scott Thomas** currently attends Kansas State University where he is an athletic trainer and is pursuing his bachelor's degree and certification as an ATC.

☆ **Latenda P. (Horn) Widener** is employed by Trinity Mother Frances Health Systems in Tyler.

Marriages

1981

Regina Kaye Willis and Rev. Cleran Ray Gipson, Tyler

1984

Shara Parrish and **James Wehunt**, Tyler

1986

Shonda Denise Wilks, and **Darwin Lee Darr**, Jacksonville

1987

D'Anna Lyn Kinder, and **Jody Mark Mitchum**, Rockwall

1991

Patti Bolton Ashley and Roy Allen Boyd, Van

1992

✪ **Lori Sue Barfield** and Trenton Kyle Reed, Bonham

1993

Monica Renea Nick and Kyle Harris, Arp

Cynthia Elaine Thompson and Terry Wayne Moye, Arp

La'Tunya Mumphrey and Kendrick Duncan, Tyler

1994

Heather Hamby and **Judd Long** ('94), Tyler

Shellie Renea Nolley, and Robert James Mach, Axtell

1995

Elizabeth Davidson Plumer, and **Matthew Wade Gabriel**, Austin

1996

Ivory Jo Davis and Terry Campbell, Tyler

Laurin Michelle Gagne, and **Edward Philip Muller**, Chicago, IL

Robin Daugherty Tieken and **Charles Zella**, Nixon

Terri L. Bosley and Billy M. Canada, Tyler

Gretchan Le'Keya Sherow and Keary O'Neal Mobley, Tyler

Cynthia Sheree Shoemaker and Tobias Saucedo Rodriquez, Tyler

1997

Tammy Sharlene Cooper-Morris, and David Lee Harden, Denver, CO

Marla Janelle Ingram and **David Mark Scott**, Longview

Amber Rhea Birdwell and Marcus James Scarbrough, Flint

Andrea DaLea Patrice Wynne, and Michael Shayne Tatum, Kilgore

Cynthia Foote and Michael Camp, Whitehouse

Shannon Danielle Standifer and John Anderson "Andy" Mercer ('95), Dallas

1998

Leslie Elise Cunningham and Benjamin Edward Bunt, Hideaway

1999

Jennifer Plyler and Tracy Jackson, Tyler

Misty Nicole Sloan and **Matthew David Ferrell** ('02), Tyler

Vanessa Montgomery and Patrick Dewayne Foreman, Tyler

Joni Mischnick and Timothy Pendley, Hawkins

Stanecia Nacole Wade and Keithen Bernard Keggler, Tyler

2000

Marilyn Denice Bailey, and Emmitt Pettigrew Jr., Tyler

Peggy Sue Brown, and Noah Reynaldo Sepulvda, Tyler

Jennifer Renee Ellis, and Robert Joel Nash, Tyler

Holli Beth Tull, and **Jeff Collins** ('00), Tyler

Jennifer Gail Bomar and Ryan William Condry, Rosenberg

Angela Jill Adams and **Clinton Ray Lillard** ('03), Tyler

2001

Michelle Dianne Hodges and **Brad Caldwell Lay**, Canton

Amanda Gale Medders and Jason Lee Smith, Tyler

Pamela Winston and Darrell Frater, Tyler

Rachel Briana Roach and **Chris M. Hotman** ('02), Arlington, TX

Kimberly Danielle Escamilla and Arnie Jefferson Bobbitt, Tyler

Shajuana Denine Cicero, and **Kazdin Kallon King**, Tyler

Amber Renae Thomas, and Cameron Todd Paul, Nacogdoches

Melissa Marie Himes, and **James Gary Fox** ('01), Houston

Sharilyn Nichole Battee and Travis Daniel Sutphen, Gladewater

Patricia Renee Gilbert and James Lenard Bass, Jr, Palestine

Melissa Gandy and Jeremy Mullens, Tyler

April Denise Bradford and **Michael Karl Hall, Jr** ('01), Tyler

Carrie Scott and **Kent Bass** ('01), Tyler

Jennifer Leigh Patterson and **Charles Kiley Barton**, Palestine.

Sherry Leigh Platter and Bryan Henry Scallions, Canton

Melissa Suzanne Neal and Donald Lee Whitus Jr., Austin

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Jennifer Rosalie Woodhull and **Roger Craig Herring**, Tyler

2002

Mischa Lea Chapman and **Matthew Ryan Dacus** ('01), Tyler

☆ **Chastity M. Nelson** and Marquie H. Daniels, Tyler

✪ **Elizabeth "Davi" Hudson** and **Brian Edward McDonald** ('98), Washington, D.C.

Lindsey Nicole Johnson and Samuel Dwain Mink, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii

Cheryl DeeAnn Turner and Derrick Crosby, Tyler

Erin Aileen O'Grady and Martin Stanley Fitzgerald, Tyler

Amy Janell Crone, and **Freddie Charles Black**, Tyler

NeKaya Nash, and Marvin Duffey, Tyler

Amber Dawn Newport, and Clinton Ferrell Lockhart ('91) Tyler

Kaci Brooke Wilson and **Blake Andrew Warren** ('03), Tyler

Nicole Smith, and Randy Wilson, Tyler

Petula Gay Williams, and Marcus Crump, Longview

☆ **Carolyn Diane Beavers**, and **Timothy Neilson Tucker** ('01), Tyler

April Luscombe and Bobby Sisco, Bullard

Lindsey Michelle Harden and **Christopher Paul Turner** ('99), New Chapel Hill

Shamanda Marie Ervin and Marcus Andre' Williamson ('01), Tyler

Kelly Lee Hardin and Justin "Blake" Hobbs, Tyler

Lyndsey Christal Anderson and **Josh Brunt**, Tyler

Wendy Lynn Little and Jason Andrew Cofer, Gilmer

Cassandra Jones and Henry Lee Thirkill, Jr., Tyler

Amber Leigh Lindsey and Chad Thomas Lowry, Troup

Mimi Roy and Jerry Barnes, Tyler

Metha Kay Williams and Reginald Orlando Morris ('92), Winoma

Lauren Elizabeth Weaver and Jacob Matthew Kendrick ('02), Tyler

Heather Williamson and Keir Orr ('97), Tyler

Tiffany Crystal Turrentine, and Bobby C. Green Jr. Hawkins

Bridget Marie Conroy and Bert John Jackson IV, Gilmer

Courtney Ann DeRamus and **Brian Allen White**, Lewisville

2003

Nacole Nolan and **Justin Eaton**, Chandler

Stephanie Armstrong and Steven Mitchell, Tyler

Alisha Louise Hill and Adam Glynn Marsh, Tyler

Katie Sue Johnson and James Corey Galyean, Lindale

Kacie Lynne Goodman, and Ross Barron Cates, Tyler

April Nicole Thomasson, and **Scott Williams** (02), Tyler

☆ **Amber Brumley**, and Chris Hill, Tyler

Lindsey Nipp and Kyle Rawlinson, Cushing

Jo Anna (Yura) and ☆ **Richard Lee Stewart, Jr** ('02), Brownsboro

Amanda Jill Johnston and William Jason McLean, Tyler

☆ **Misty Krumrei** and Justin Jones, San Antonio

☆ **Amanda Marie Applegate** and Daniel David Richardson, Tyler

Melissa L. Williams and **Joshua Daniel Johnson** ('02), Tyler

Ashley Renae McElroy and Lucas Lynn Henderson, Denver, CO

Amy Lynn Hawkins and Jason Daniel Littrell, Lewisville

Lauren Kelsey Kuck and James Neil Davis, Tyler

Rebecca Ann Nowicki and Shane Jay Richardson, Bullard

Jessica Leigh McCoy and **Tyrel Lee Dutton**, Chandler

Lori Michelle McCarty and Colin Ryan Gilbert, Mesquite

Theresa M. Horace and Gaylon D. Wilson, Tyler.

Heather Marie Gilmore and Jeffrey Glenn Rowe (03), Tyler

Brooke Pool and **Justin Carter**, Tyler

Christina Nicole Dorsey and Darin Douglas Anthony, Ben Wheeler

Jennifer Jost and **Jordan Hill**, Whitehouse

TJC Family Marriages

Dr. Kahne R. Parsons ('84) and James Wootten Walker, Hawkins

Memorials

1937

✪ **Martha Sue McPhail**, May 1, 2003, Tyler

1940

I. Melvin Crawford, January 26, 2003, Tyler

1941

Billy Murray, June 25, 2003, Tyler

1946

Richard "Dick" Loftis, May 30, 2003, Tyler

1948

Hayden Boles, July 18, 2003, Tyler

1949

William J. "Bill" Primo, July 8, 2003, Tyler

1950

Sam Taylor Matthews, August 06, 2003, Tyler

1952

James "Jay" Hollis Cagle, March 23, 2003, Plainview

Reuben H. Dailey, June 26, 2003, Gladewater

Eleanor (Pope) Warren, July 28, 2003, Fort Worth

1956

John Henry Ward III, May 11, 2003, Ann Arbor, MI

1959

Jewel "Dood" Nelson Evans, February 20, 2003, Phoenix, AZ

Travis York, July 15, 2003, Winnsboro

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1960

Billy J. Benson, June 30, 2003, Sacramento, California

1961

John Thomas Dean, July 27, 2003, Houston

1963

✪ **Ruth Crawford**, July 9, 2003, Chandler

1971

John Randall Davis, Tyler

1972

Harold Randall Rounsavall, June 19, 2003, Tyler

Ralph E. Johnson, August 31, 2003, Tyler

1975

Randy Thompson, August 31, 2003, Flowermound

1976

Bobbi Jean Martin, August 16,2003, Canton

1977

Wesley M. Taylor, February 25, 2003, Tyler

Melville A. Moulton, July 16, 2003, Garland

1978

Ludell "Cookie" Washington, April 1, 2003, Tyler

1981

George Woodson Daniels II, June 6, 2003, Groves

1988

Jack Fulton, April 21, 2003, Tyler

1989

Valton Louis Struve, March 26, 2003, Tyler

Christine Ann Norton, April 14, 2003, Tyler

1990

Jack E. "Little Jack" Murphy, April 27, 2003, Gladewater

1991

Geneva (Cartwright) Shelton, July 12, 2003, Tyler

1992

Richard Kevin Farmer, May 21, 2003, Gladewater

Oscar "Ace" Shelton, July 10, 2003, Tyler

1995

John Hinton Love, June 10, 2003, Whitehouse

1999

Brenda (Smith) York, March 14, Tyler

Rodney Franklin Wallace, June 18, 2003, Tyler

2000

San Trisha Ann Weldon, June 25, 2003, Tyler

2002

☆ **Joseph Ray Hughes**, April 12, 2003, San Marcos

Melinda Kay Edmundson, July 3, 2003, Rusk

Bryan Willoughy, July 30, 2003, Whitehouse

2003

Christal Murphy, April 22, 2003, Alto

TJC Family Memorials

Ruby Augusta Gentry, February 24, 2003, Tyler

Vera B. Bailey, March 21, 2003, Tyler

Dr. Felder W. Cullum, March 30, 2003, Chandler

Rod Schminkey, April 7, 2003, Tyler

Forrest Earl Shanks, June 3, 2003, Tyler

Cecil T. Greer, August 22, 2003, Carrollton, Georgia

Willa Perkins, September 1, 2003, Tyler

The TJC Alumni Association welcomed their new STARs (Students To Alumni Representatives) at a dinner in their honor recently. STAR recipients receive alumni scholarhips and are alumni ambassadors at various Tyler Junior College, Foundation and Alumni events. This year's STARs, left to right, Jeffery Beasley (sophomore from Whitehouse), Molly Turman (sophomore from Chapel Hill), Tyler Hartwig (sophomore from Grand Rapids, MI), Nicole Durham (sophomore from Chandler), Judson Bibby (sophomore from Bullard), Sarah Loudamy (freshman from Whitehouse), and Derek Schueler (sophomore from Mesquite).

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Mrs. Becky Wagstaff Craig
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Mr. Martin Heines
Ms. Judy Jernigan
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Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Lowe
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Mrs. Roberta Orchard
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Patterson
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Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Spencer
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